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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/846,616	Applicant(s) KASOWER, SHELDON	
	Examiner Olabode Akintola	Art Unit 3691	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/04/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to applicant's communication filed on 10/04/2006.

Claims 18-33 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 18-19, 21-24, 26-29 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sunstein et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6985887)

Re Claims 18, 23, 28 and 33: Sunstein et al teaches a method and corresponding system for on-line card management for use with a computer network wherein at least one card is issued to a plurality of card users by card issuing organizations, the method comprising the steps of: providing a card management system accessible from said computer network said system having a plurality of card management services available for the plurality of card issuers; providing simultaneous access to the card management system by the plurality of card users; providing for the selection of at least one of a plurality of card management services provided by said

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computer system by the plurality of card users; providing for the inputting of data associated with the selected card management service; providing inputted associated data to the card issuing organization by means of the card management system; and making a record of the inputted data within the card management system (see col. 1, lines 59-67).

Re Claims 19, 24 and 29: Sunstein et al teaches the step wherein said plurality of card management services includes registering at least one card by inputting associated card data (col. 1, lines 59-67)

Re Claims 21-22, 26-27 and 31-32: Sunstein et al teaches maintaining a record of associated data by the card management system; informing the card user that the card issuing organization has been provided the associated data (col. 1, lines 59-67)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

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1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 20, 25 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sunstein as applied in claim 18 above, in view of Scharmer (USPN 5640577), further in view of Mewhinney (USPN 6804346) and further in view of Geerlings (USPN 5956693).

Re claims 20, 25 and 30: Sunstein teaches wherein card management services includes card management services selected from the group consisting of: change of address (see col. 1, lines 59-67)

Sunstein does not explicitly teach request for a new card, notification of a billing dispute, request for a copy of a bill, change of marital status, a change in name, and a request for an increase in credit line. Scharmer teaches request for a new card (col. 1, lines 15-20). Mewhinney teaches notification of a billing dispute, request for a copy of a bill and a request for an increase in credit line (col. 5, lines 1-14). Geerlings teaches change of marital status and a change in name (col. 1, lines 19-22). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Sunstein to include all these elements as taught by Scharmer, Mewhinney and Geerlings. One would have been motivated to do so in order to accommodate other requests and/or functionalities depending on the operational needs of the registry, thereby enhancing the efficiency of the system (see Mewhinney: col. 5, lines 12-14).

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

i. Yun et al (U.S. Patent Application No. 20020069122) discloses a *method for maximizing credit card purchasing power* (see Figures)

ii. Natsumo (U.S. Patent No. 6910624) discloses *Mobile communication terminal and card information reading device* (see col. 21, lines 29-38)

iii. Ettorre, B ("*Paul Kahn on exceptional marketing*": Management Review v83n11 PP: 48-51 Nov 1994 CODEN: MRVWDJ ISSN: 0025-1895 JRNL CODE: MRV) discloses credit registry that allows card holder to report stolen cards and request new ones (see page 3 of 5, Para 8).

iv. "*Ideon, Credit-Card Registry That Bellyfopped This Year, Is Drawing Some Bottom-Fishers*" The Wall Street Journal, pC2; August 21, 1995; ISSN:0193-2241 discloses credit registry that allows card holders to report stolen cards to issuers and when customer moves, e.t.c (see Abstract).

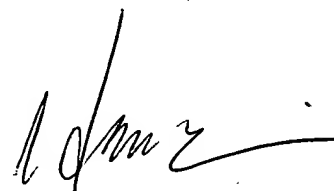
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olabode Akintola whose telephone number is 571-272-3629. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM -5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on 571- 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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